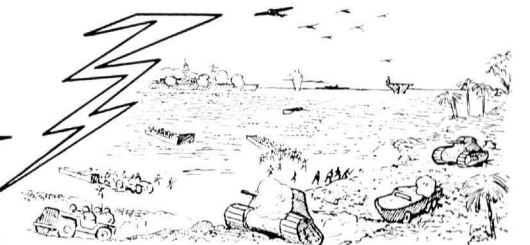
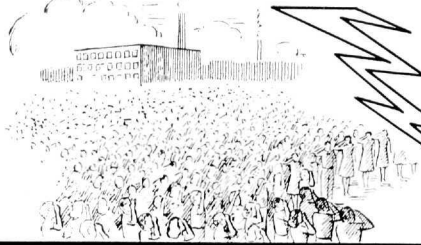


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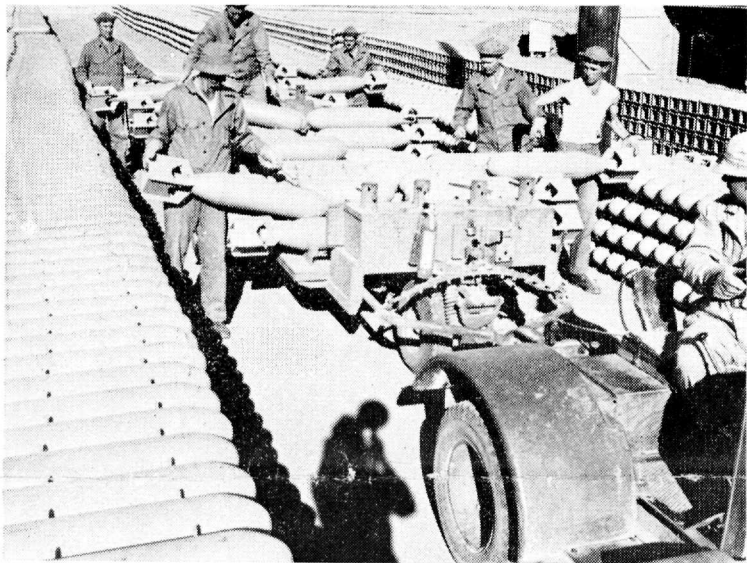
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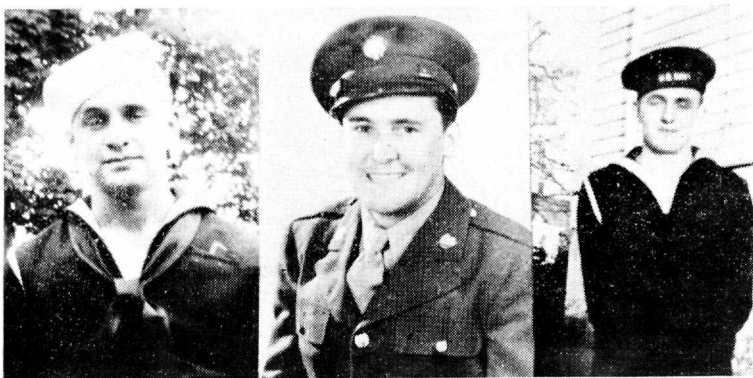
BONDS NOW! - - GIVE ADDED MEANING TO LIBERTY

MORE BONDS MEAN MORE BOMBS!



Bombardiers are skilled in handling the tools of their trade, as this photograph testifies.

3 SZETELA SONS IN SERVICE



Sons of Frank Szetela, Stacker in Industrial Oils

Left to right: Felix Szetela, now in India; Anthony Szetela, formerly employed at Sprague's, now with Military Police stationed in Louisiana; and Eugene Szetela, who entered the service the day after his graduation at high school.

Sprague Log Dinner Sparkles With Fun Reporters Congratulated On Excellent Work

As we go to press we are able to give a brief preview of some of the highlights of the Log Annual Dinner to be held on Tuesday, January 25th at the Blue Room of the Richmond Hotel. During the past few months the Log, has grown from a staff of two or three to one of over sixty members.

Preceding the Dinner, the Dinner Chairman, Fred Windover; President R. C. Sprague; The Maestro, Larry Madison; Editor Ed Whitten; the Roastmaster, Larry Haskins; Postmaster W. W. Dooling; Mr. Harry

Martin; Miss Claire Maxwell; Mrs. Edna Mae "Butch" Burnett all take speaking or singing parts, as they do in the events following the dinner.

During the Dinner there come several numbers of entertainment and community singing. Speeches by Mr. Sprague, Mr. Dooling and Mr. Whitten,—Mr. Windover presiding. Following the set speeches the schedule some how gets into the hands of the Roastmaster and folks,—this is no

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Kenneth Muggle In Tarawa Battle; Receives Purple Heart

Word has been received that Kenneth Muggle, formerly of the Plating Dept. was wounded in the battle of "Tarawa" and since then, was awarded the "Purple Heart." He is recuperating at a Base Hospital in the Pacific and expects to go back into action before long, according to his latest letter.

Evening School and Trade School Feature of Jan. 11 Radio Log

The January 11th program featured talks by Mr. John Durnin and Mr. Chas. H. McCann of Drury High School, concerning the work the night schools are accomplishing in the community. This information was extremely interesting. Our hostess for the day was Miss Cyrilla Chaperon, who introduced the invited guests for the program with charm and dignity. Seaman George Coody, home on furlough, gave some highlights of interest concerning his experiences. Larry Madison's songs were especially well-accepted, and the program came to a close with rousing fun in the new game of Trumpit. Those participating in this game were Miss Barbara Bailey of Block Test; Miss Isabel Peters of Accounting, Mr. Ernest Belleau of Marshall Street Plant and Mr. Chas. Desrosiers.

Supt. of Schools Guest Speaker on Jan. 18 Radio Log

On the January 18th Sprague Radio Program, the spotlight was shared by all participating. In a round table discussion, Mr. Lars Andersen and Mr. Fred Potter with Mr. E. S. Whitten, talked about the work of the Credit Union of the Sprague Specialties Company. Mr. Richard Anketell, Superintendent of Schools talked on the important part that the school teacher plays in the community, not only as an instructor of children, but as a leader in civic affairs. Old Greylock, who has written several letters to the Radio Log made himself known in the person of Mr. Harry Martin. Mr. Larry Madison was Master of Ceremonies, Mrs. Irene Chouinard of the Brown Street Plant was our charming Hostess-of-the-day, and the musical numbers given by Miss Helen Root and Miss Doris

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EMPHASIS ON PURCHASE OF EXTRA BONDS FOR CASH

"Let's make it a grand and glorious Fourth!"

With this thought in their minds, over 300 War Bond solicitors are being organized at Sprague's to do their part in the Fourth War Loan Drive, which opened on January 18 and closes February 15.

The current drive will differ from all previous drives held in the Sprague plants in that the emphasis will not be on increased payroll deductions but on the purchase of extra bonds for cash. The quota for North Adams in Series E bonds is \$318,000. It is estimated that, for the Sprague organization to do its fair share, approximately \$60,000 in Series E bonds — over and above what is purchased by payroll deductions — will have to be sold in our plants. The figure given refers to purchase price and not maturity value.

Buy An Extra \$100 Bond

The Treasury department is asking that every working individual purchase an extra \$100 bond, costing \$75. Sprague workers in order to meet their quota will probably have to dig into their bank accounts — including credit union savings, or unearth some of the money which is still being kept in mattresses and other hiding places.

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BOND DRIVE GETS OFF TO FAST START



On January 11th, the Sprague Fourth War Loan campaign got off to a fast start, when a Los Angeles jobber Mr. Phil Kudler beat the gun by purchasing a \$500 bond. Left to right, Mr. Phil Kudler, Mr. Harry Kalker and Mr. Stanley Denoyan.

"Of the Employees,- by the Employees,- for the Employees."

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"Every Sprague Worker an Assistant Reporter."

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BONDS NOW!

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Another source which it is expected will swell the Sprague totals is the allotment checks being received by working wives of husbands in the services. A number of them have already pledged their February allotment for the Fourth War Loan, and it is expected that many more will do so in the next few days.

However, probably all the bank account withdrawals, "matress" money, and allotment checks will not completely fulfill the obligation of Sprague workers to the men in services. The balance will have to be made up by sacrifice, by postponing the purchase of a new dress, or slack suit, or new furniture.

Campaign Being Organized

At the time the Log went to press, the campaign organization had not yet been completed. During the drive little emphasis will be put on the benefits which workers derive by putting their money into War Bonds. It is believed that the financial soundness of such an investment is amply recognized by now.

Workers who wish to purchase bonds before the formal drive gets under way may do so. Money for bonds will be accepted at the Credit Union office at the Beaver street plant, at the payroll office on Brown Street, or in the main office at Marshall street. Any worker in doubt about how to find these offices should apply to his foreman for directions.

Those who prefer to buy their bonds at the post office or banks may do so. It will help in keeping track of the money raised if these individuals will ask these outside issuing agencies to credit their purchases to Sprague.

The Credit Union has an adequate supply of Series E bonds of all denominations.

"Let's Make It a Grand and Glorious Fourth!"

**BUY MORE BONDS!
SAVE MORE LIVES!**

Praise From Member of Five Star Club

The following letter was received in response to Mr. Merrigan's receipt of his Five Star Membership Card:

Dear Sir:

I will accept your card with thanks, as a member of your Five Star Club. I do not deserve this honor, but am much interested in the Sprague Specialties Company and would do much if necessary for their continued success, if it were in my power.

Though speaking in public is not in my line, I did make a short announcement over your broadcasting facilities and take this occasion to thank you for that opportunity.

It is a great satisfaction to me to know that your Company has taken up much of the slack in labor in North Adams, and have become a great asset to this community.

Respectfully,

A. M. Merrigan



Skier Riding up Slope aided by Tow.

Good Skiing

With the recent heavy snow fall, the North Adams Ski Club finally opened the skiing season Sunday, January 8th, with their tow running at the Notch ski slopes.

Over 100 ski enthusiasts were on hand for the first good skiing in the North Adams area and with the temperature remaining around 10° above zero throughout the day, good fast skiing was enjoyed.

We regret the absence of the Sprague Skiers and would like to see them out in the near future; also any new ski enthusiasts are welcome and will be given assistance in getting started by the members of the Club.

It might be stated here that of the 130 members of two years ago, 60 are now in the armed service and like all ski clubs still in operation, it has been felt that the North Adams Club should keep running—keeping their equipment in operation and repair so that the boys and girls in the service will have a ski development in this area awaiting their return.

Weather and ski conditions permitting, the club will run the tow Wednesday and Friday nights from 8:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. with the slope flood-lighted. Sundays the tow will run from 12: M. to 5:00 P.M.

So let's see more of the Sprague folks skiing!



Warming House—At top of slope—cozy and warm at all times.

Suggestion Award Winners

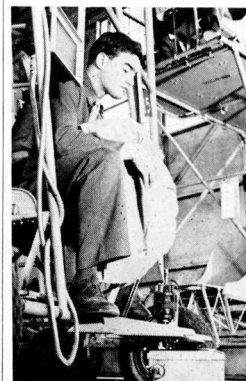


Left to right: Dominick Pisano, Regina Cagne, Norman Miller and Mertis Barton, received prizes for suggestions offered in recent months.

Chemical Warfare Display

During the week of January 10th to 15th, a display of incendiary bombs, gas masks and other chemical warfare equipment was exhibited in the window of Brackley's News store. This was of special interest to North Adams people, since a portion of it was manufactured by the Marshall street plant of Sprague Specialties Company.

Gas masks of many types are developed, including a peculiar one for the use of old Dobbin. Included with the equipment for protection against war gas, the Chemical Warfare Service supplies smoke bombs for screening purposes, incendiary bombs and grenades. These smoke screens have shrouded our landing barges and our invading armies from Salerno to Tarawa.



The contraption in which this young bombardier is seated is called a "high-chair", but is actually a dangerous weapon insofar as Hitler and Hirohito are concerned.

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Jan. 18 Radio Log

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Sanford, accompanied at the piano by Miss Pauline Hobson were much enjoyed. Unfinished business on the Trumpet feature was completed, with Miss Isabelle Peters, Miss Barbara Bailey and Mr. Ernest Belleau participating.

Jan. 25 Radio Log Made Part of Log Annual Banquet

The program for January 25th will be given over entirely to the celebration of the Log's First Annual Dinner. Those participating on the program will be those persons who have tried out recently in the Log auditions, and are welcomed to the programs as new talent.

To the Editor of the Sprague Log

To the Editor of the Log—

The inflated ego of wobble-brain Archibald Magoon reminds me of Amazon Annie in her slacks. Not that I am tearing apart ladies' slacks; they are under sufficient strain in most cases already. But the general subject certainly needs taking up.

Amazon Annie has a pair of navy slacks—that's the kind with the after deck, and are especially made for sea legs (so-called because they make sailors shudder). She asks why she can't keep them pressed...that's like trying to keep a press in the bark of a tree!

There is some difference of opinion as to whether or not slacks are pants. Some say pants are unmentionables...well? On my street, they are hung to dry in the attic with the pinkies. At least they have been ever since Gertie Greatgirth looked out of her window one morning to see the wind puffing her slacks into barrage balloons—and the men hurrying by tipped their hats and said, "Good morning, Gertie."

Looking bad in slacks is like halitosis in the magazine—only some one else can be guilty. But they're all in the same boat—I mean, slacks.

Many times girls in slacks think they are being whistled at when they're not. A breeze through sails will frequently make that noise. But things aren't so bad! Women could look much worse—Egad! What if they started wearing those "Sloppy Joe" sweaters with the sleeves pushed up!

M. T. Noggin

Sprague Log Dinner

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place to reveal the surprise numbers introduced by the solemn, melodramatic and ever able Mr. Haskins and his Assistant Roastmaster Mr. Marvin Williams.

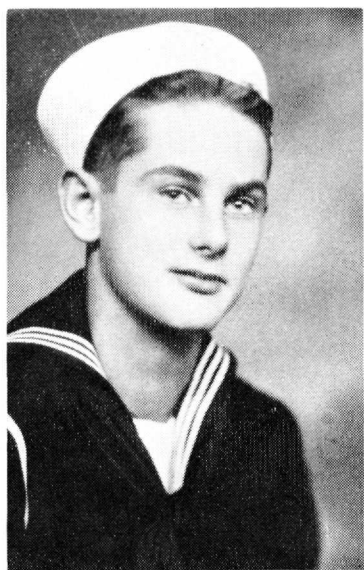
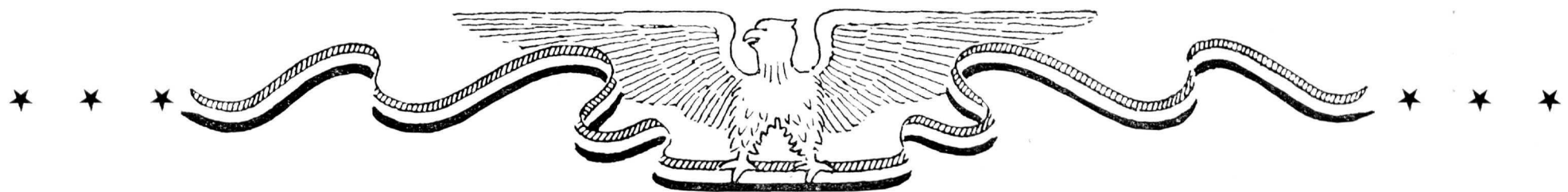
Photomaster, Mr. Fred Crosier will properly carry on and you will get a glimpse of the "XX" surprise when we next go to press. Dancing will follow a meeting which we hope will serve to make the staff better acquainted with one another and with those of our townsmen who help us put out the Log. A pleasant and instructive evening "will be had" by all, we are very sure.

NOTICE!

**Slogan Ballots Revised
See Special Ballot Sheet
Enclosed with Today's LOG.**

With such speed does the Log go to press that we must explain that last issue the ballot did not contain the twenty-five November selected slogans. Those who have already voted may vote again, so that they may also choose their preferred slogans from the new ballot. The date of voting has been extended to include February 5.

★ NEWS and VIEWS from Sprague Workers In Service ★



Seaman 1-c Roger Ottman, and Fireman 2-c, stationed at Piney Point, Md. He is the son of Millie of Payroll, Brown Street.



Sgt. John Kenney, son of Elizabeth of Block Test. He is stationed in California in a Tank Destroyer Corps.

Thank You Letter

Dear Miss Owen:

Just a few lines to thank you and the rest of the people behind this for giving us these cartons of cigarettes. This is the first time we heard of such a thing and were really surprised at the interest you people have shown us. Being a New Englander I know and understand the hospitality of each of you. Very well done in the sense of morale because we who have been in the service before the war never wanted to believe such stories. Well seeing is believing and I'm kind of ashamed for doubting you people so. I know now you want to help us all you can and are with us all the way.

Yours very truly,
John Frank Pietrzak, WT1-c

Pfc. Charles Bourdon has arrived in North Africa, according to word received by his family. Prior to that, he was stationed at Maxton, N. C.

Corp. F. W. James Feted

A surprise party was held January 15 for Corp. Frank W. James, Jr., aerial gunner at his home on Goodrich Street. The house was decorated in red, white, and blue, and dancing and singing were enjoyed. Corp. James leaves soon for Fresno, Cal.

From Joe Spagnola

Camp Breckenridge, Ky.
Dear Sirs:

Just a few lines to give you my change of address. Although I have been receiving the Sprague Log right along, I thought it best to notify you of this change.

I enjoy reading the Log very much and I don't think there is another like it in the whole United States. It is a very interesting paper and I have enjoyed it ever since it was sent to me, and always will.

Well, I hope everything is in tiptop shape up there. Everything is swell down here—but there is no city or state that will beat good old North Adams, and Massachusetts.

Yours,
Joe Spagnola

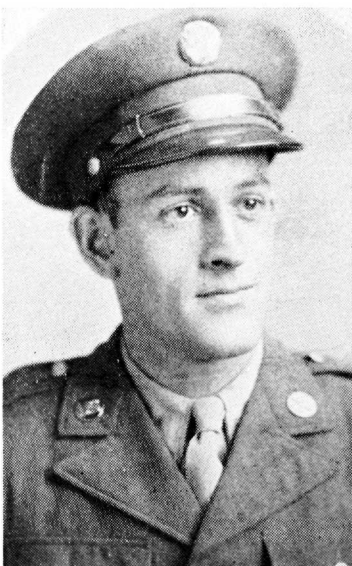
From Pvt. Arlene Greene:

Dear Friends:

My thanks to each and every one of you for the Christmas cards you sent. I have completed my basic training and have graduated from Administration Specialist School and now am ready to go out on the field. I love the army life just as much as I ever did and I wouldn't change it for anything in the world.

Wishing you all a happy New Year,
Sincerely,

Arlene



Sgt. Leslie R. Dustin has arrived overseas. His wife, Claire is in Resistor Department.

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Johnnie Writes the Machine Shop Crowd

Hi Gang!

Received the carton of cigs! Thanks a million for them, as you know they always come in handy. (a guy runs out quite often in this outfit.)

It sure was good to see all of you again. The old days at the shop sure did pass through my mind on my recent visit there. Some of the boys have gone, but with the help of God we'll all be back in the near future.

How is "Frank Sinatra" these days? Is he "swooning" many girls? My regards to each and every one of you. "Happy New Year!"

Johnnie.

Anthony Garofano, stationed at Ft. Meade, Md., spent the Holidays at his home in North Adams.

Florence Lambert, Seaman 2-c informs her former co-workers that she has been transferred to Chicago where she is studying aircraft instruments. She states that her training at Sprague's has helped her a great deal in her present assignment.

Word has been received that Pfc. Wm. Foote has arrived in the S. Pacific area.

Louis Morocco of the Machine Shop is very proud of that brother of his, Sgt. Wm. C. Morocco. So far, Sgt. Morocco has completed 40 combat missions as bombardier in an A.A.F. B-26 Marauder group. He has dropped bombs from Tunisia to Sardinia, Italy and France. He has been awarded the Air Medal with 9 Oak Leaf Clusters. Louis states that "Bill" completed his total of 50 missions of which 10 were reconnaissance, by December 28th. Another brother Ray was last heard from in San Francisco.

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Miss Etta E. Owen, R.N.
c-o Sprague Specialties Co.
North Adams, Mass.

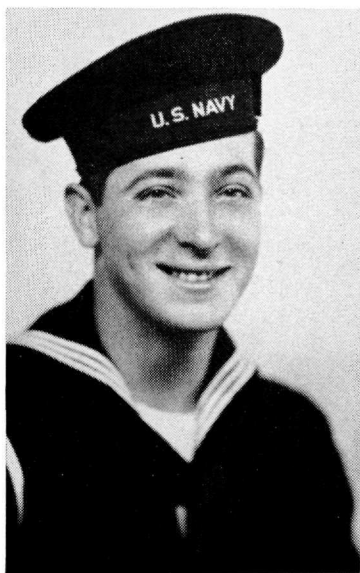
Dear Miss Owen:

I have been receiving the "Sprague Log" regularly but through a round about way. I am now stationed at Turner Field, Georgia.

I was transferred here from George Field, Illinois on October 15, 1943. The Free French Cadets are training here and I am working as an Instructor and French Interpreter in the Ground School here at Turner Field.

I appreciate very much being on the "Log" mailing list and hope that the necessary changes will be made in my address so that I will not miss any of the editions. Please give my best regards to the Personnel of the Cost department where I was formerly employed before my entrance into the Service.

Very sincerely yours,
Raymond C. Paquette
Sgt., Air Corps
French Interpreter



Richard A. Johnson F 3-c, formerly of Boxing is now on a destroyer escort. His wife is Leah of B.T.A.

From Robert Soulia:

Just a line to let you know that I'm feeling fine and having a good time.

Yesterday was Thanksgiving and we had a big Turkey dinner and all the trimmings. 'Course it wasn't like being home but the fellows sure worked hard and made a swell dinner.

I was only seasick a few hours and then I didn't feel bad at all. I just lost a few cups of coffee that I drank before going on watch. Some of the fellows felt quite bad but I was O.K.

We get darn good food but the salt air makes us hungry just as soon as we eat. In peace time I would have given anything to make this trip. Even now it is fun except we always have to be on the alert.

I've seen whales, flying fish and everything. Those flying fish go by like swallows and when the wind blows they go about 40 miles an hour by the looks.

Give my address to any one who wants it.

Well don't worry about us and don't feel bad 'cause we are having the time of our lives anyway. This is better than staying around during hard times like we had before anyway.

Well so long for now. Write when you get my address. Let me know when you get this and if they censor any of it.

Robert



Pvt. Joseph Zoito, brother of "Kit" Courtemanche of Western Electric, and son of Joe Zoito of Impregnating.

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Letter to the Machine Shop Crowd

From Olympia DePaoli

Hi Boys:

I received the cigarettes and thanks very much. It is really good to know that you are still remembered by some one.

Although I would like to see North Adams and the people I grew up with, I will hate to leave the navy when this is all over with. I guess the longer you stay in here, the more you hate to leave. The work I am now doing is very interesting, and time flies by. The time will soon come when I shall have to leave this place, and I guess it will be like leaving home all over again! I have to go to radio school, etc. yet.

Hope to be seeing you in May or June,

Simp.



Norman Tatro—somewhere in the Pacific. His father is guard at the Beaver Plant.



Bernard Lepera, stationed in Texas, formerly worked in the Impregnating Department.

Letter to Jack Murray of Machine Shop

Dear Jack:

How are you feeling? I sincerely hope this letter finds you in the best of health. We have been very busy getting ready for a trip—even Christmas and New Year's were not Holidays as far as this Company was concerned. I received the cigarettes from the boys and certainly do appreciate them thinking of me. If I had time, I would write to each one and thank him. If you do not mind, I shall appoint you on my gratitude committee and let you do it for me.

I have changed my mind about being South for the winter. It has rained so frequently here, that I am developing webbed feet. We have been issued new clothing and have had them checked so often that they are being worn out by being handled,—they are supposed to be overseas clothes. As far as my health goes, I have no complaint. The army is keeping me shipshape. Once again, my thanks to all for the smokes. Give my best regards to all. Take care of yourself. Best of luck, health and happiness.

As even in friendship,
Cpl. Alfred Daldoss
Camp Claiborne, La.

Basketball Notes

At the State Armory, January 13th, it was decided to form a basketball league for the balance of the season. There were four teams represented at the meeting as follows: Academy, State Guard, Lincoln Aces from North Adams and the St. Stanislaus Amateurs from Adams.

The newly formed league will be called the Northern Berkshire Amateur Basketball League, and the managers will meet Sunday, January 16th to draw up the schedules and by-laws.

All the games will be played at the State Armory on Wednesday evenings and basketball fans will have a chance to see former high school players take to the court again. There will be no admission for any games, the sole benefit of the league as stated by Managers will be amusement for local fans, and recreation for the players themselves.

The standout team in the new league looks very much like the St. Stanislaus Amateurs but I am just voicing my own opinion, so don't bet I am right. The new league can be of a benefit to sport followers in the basketball field as all games are local and do not run into transportation handicaps; along with the high school basketball, fans will have another night for amusement.

The managers and players are on their own from now on and it is up to them to build up a following with a good clean fast brand of basketball.

Wishing all of them the best of luck and success with their new league,

I remain,
Yours in sports,
Walter Carpenter

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How Far Could You Carry One?

This is a good one — John "Red" Garner says he never wins anything. Well, one fine day before Christmas, he took a chance on a pig "in a bag" and sure enough, he won it! And what did he do? He carried it around in his arms. He was asked if he wanted to sell it and was offered \$10.00 for it. "No sale," said Red. He carried it further, and was offered \$8.00. "No sale," again said Red. Finally, he was getting tired, when he bumped into Bob Watts. Said Bob, "I'll give you \$3.00 for it." "Sold!" said Red, with great relief.

(We would have been too!)

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Evening School Course in Electronics Makes Successful Beginning

Over seventy-five registered for the first evening of the Electronics course conducted Monday evenings at the Drury High School. Mr. William Allison conducted the first lecture. Mr. V. Haswell, took the second lecture. On the 24th of January, Mr. Allison again presides with a showing of a fine talking motion picture on the subject of the Electronic Tube.

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Four Area Plants Contribute to Invasion Plans

When the forthcoming invasion comes, four of our local plants will have contributed to the offensive through production of parts and supplies for the Navy's huge fleet of landing craft upon which this offensive depends, it was stated by James Forrestal, Under-Secretary of the Navy.

Among the plants mentioned in the Berkshire area, are Sprague Specialties Company, the Readsboro Chair Company of Readsboro, Vt., the Greenfield Tap and Die Co. and Threadwell Tap and Die Co., both of Greenfield.

Sprague Cigarette Fund Totals 1,500,000

The totals by January 8th in the Sprague Cigarette fund had reached such proportions that it has been possible to send 75,000 packs, or 1,500,000 cigarettes to soldiers on our fighting fronts. We have shipped packs to 56 different countries, and have made repeat shipments to 19 countries. Keep up the good work, Production workers, on our home front!

NOTICE

During the past two months the promotion of two groups has been underway,—an orchestra and a male chorus. The greatest problem encountered has been that of contacting enough interested employees and finding convenient meeting nights for rehearsals.

As the *Log* has been approached on the subject, it has undertaken to assist in this part of the problem by printing in our next issue a short questionnaire. This will ask any employee interested in an orchestra or male chorus to so indicate. Space will also be provided for showing evenings and hours preferred. Remarks and suggestions will also be in order.

It is not the intention of the *Log* to suggest or take a part in the creation of these or other similar organizations. Rather, the *Log* is glad to serve as a medium, whereby employees, not already widely participating in outside activities, may have an opportunity to make contact with others with mutual talents or interests. When received by the *Log*, these questionnaires will be turned over to a voluntary committee, which can then tabulate the results and carry on from there. The *Log* will also be glad to publish the results of the questionnaire,—such as days, hours, dates and the nature and amount of interest shown.



A close-up of the steel mats which are laid in constructing new air fields in the island-to-island campaign of the South Pacific.

Electronics and Radio Tie For First Place In Race For Post War Positions

We recently ran across an interesting survey made by Gustavus J. Esselen, Inc., Consulting Chemists and Chemical Engineers, in their house organ, *The Research Viewpoint*.

In this survey the readers of that publication were invited to ballot on what six budding industries will, in the next decade, contribute most to the progress, employment and general welfare of America. Answers came from a broad group including top executives, professors, writers, scientists and college undergraduates. Out of thirty-nine industries listed the ten most frequently chosen were:

Aviation.....	90%
Radio and Electronics.....	90%
Plastics.....	87%
Housing.....	50%
Alloys and Metallurgy.....	43%
Food Processing.....	43%
Synthetic Rubber.....	36%
Chemical Engineering.....	36%
Synthetic Drugs.....	30%
Automotive.....	28%

We agree with a comment of the conductors of the survey that possibly the term Chemical Engineering was too vague; that this is more a profession than an industry. The vote might have been higher if the term Chemical Industry had been used. However, as

five or six of the industries mentioned might well be classified as chemical industries, it seems that in the judgment of a considerable group of intelligent persons, representing many walks of life, we may expect our industry to play a most important role in future progress.

"We"—Editorially Speaking
from *Chemical Industries*—October, 1943

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Ben Franklin Said:

"The eyes of Christendom are upon us, and our honor as a people is become a matter of the utmost consequence to be taken care of. If we give up our rights in this contest, a century to come will not restore us to the opinion of the world . . . Present inconveniences are, therefore, to be borne with fortitude, and better times expected." Benjamin Franklin

January is the birth month of Benjamin Franklin, that versatile patriot, who was also an electrician, engineer, optician, statesman, philanthropist, publisher, a business man, an educator, a government official and a practical man.

What We Think About

If I were a professional, I'd write a lovely verse —
But since I'm just an amateur, and couldn't do much worse,
I'll tell you what we think about as o'er the world you roam.

We dream about that happy day,—
when you'll come marching home.

We think about how gay you were,
and all the fun we had,

We wonder if your life down there is
really very bad!

The things we think and talk about
would really fill a tome—

But most of all, we talk about the day
when you'll come home!

We wonder if you're happy, if you are
lonesome, too,

For the fun we had together, for the
things you used to do.

And while you're working just for us—
away across the foam —

We're buying stamps and bonds each
each week, so you can soon come
home.

Marion B. Caron
Formerly of Sample Lab.



-- And Just Between Us Gals!

Sh - h - h - I hear that there is a bunch over in the Machine Shop who is dying to know who Saucy Sue is... Now don't tell!

And do you know what Eunice says? She claims that the final line is SO peaceful on Wednesdays and Saturdays, because that's the time that Marie isn't there... And speaking of New Year's, even if it is a little late, did you know that Hank and Russ actually spent a quiet New Year's Eve?... Strange things happen these days, you know... And Irene Charron was in the same boat with Lucille—she came to work the other morning with one blue shoe and one black one on... And do you know how MAD Cabb De Grenier gets at himself on Sunday mornings, when his alarm goes off at 5 o'clock as usual... He seems to forget that that is one morning when he *could* sleep!... Well, some day you will remember... And again speaking of New Year's Resolutions—and THAT is LATE—we discovered this nice poem from Bertha Salavantis:

As the New Year rolls in, my wish is for A successful and victorious 1944.

And that the boys who are fighting both far and near

Will be back with their loved ones by the end of the year.

I also wish the New Year would bring A peace that would end all suffering.

If my wish should come true, then the path is all clear

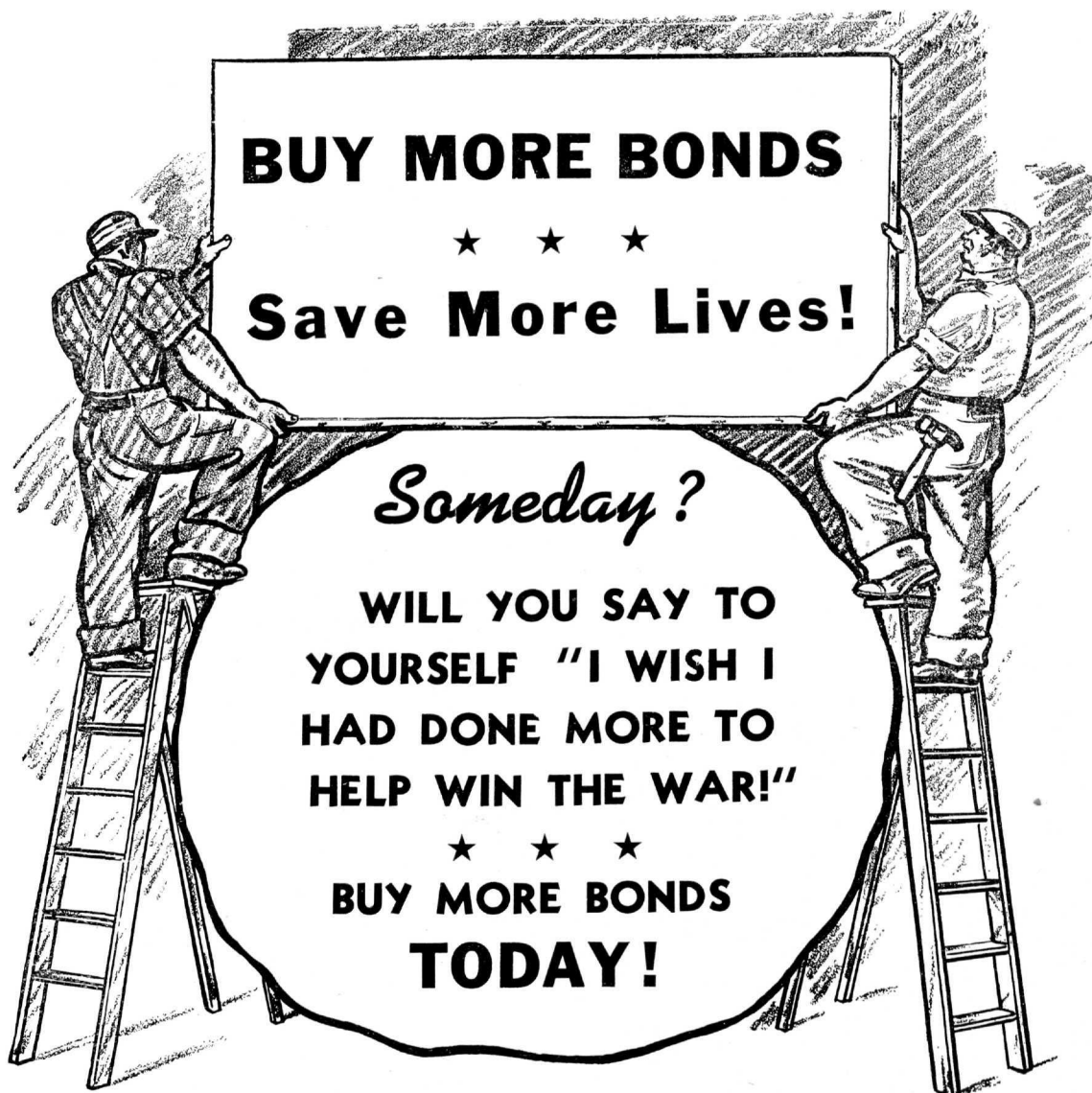
For the Happiest day in all the New Year!

And that is nice to end with—don't you think?

Saucy Sue's Pal

Ernest Belleau - Trumpit Winner

Mr. Ernest Belleau of Shipping Department, Marshall Street, was winner of the first prize in the game of Trumpit played on the Sprague Radio program of January 18. The last question the radio editor asked him was: "What is the Morse code for V in Victory?" His answer came back like a flash: "... Dot, dot, dot, dash!" Congratulations!



USE THIS "NEW" BALLOT TODAY!

It takes the place of the ballot printed in our last LOG

Pick the Five you like best -- USE NEW BALLOT -- In making up last Log, 25 slogans were omitted

All Sprague Employees Eligible - - Voting Closes February 5

VOTE!



FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS



VOTE!

PRINTED BELOW ARE THE 125 BEST SLOGANS FOR AUG., SEPT., OCT., NOV., DEC.

- 1—Victory in Sprague's War Production Forecasts Freedom and peace.
- 2—Sprague products -- beat all! What say, Gang -- On the ball!
- 3—Keep "Old Glory" in the sky With Sprague production high.
- 4—Members of Sprague's employ Help in victories our boys enjoy.
- 5—Remember Pearl Harbor— Sprague's do!
- 6—Sprague's products put the punch in Powerful precision bombing.
- 7—Sprague's Army and Navy "E" symbolizes excellence in War Production.
- 8—With Sprague's in the race, America holds an Ace.
- 9—Keep that "E" in Sprague's.
- 10—Sprague's on their toes, will take care of our foes.
- 11—Make 'em hum like a son-of-a-gun, —Sprague's.
- 12—Sprague's Products on the ball, will be the Axis downfall!
- 13—They'll know who's who Before we get through -- at Sprague's.
- 14—We'll give our life To win this strife -- at Sprague's.
- 15—Behind the lines are WE -- Sprague, -- Marching to Victory!
- 16—AT HOME -- Sprague's endless Production.
AT THE FRONT -- Axis Reduction.
- 17—Our life and death obligation -- ON THE JOB -- at Sprague's!
- 18—With Star Spangled Rhythm Sprague's machines work with 'em.
- 19—Spragueites - - one and all, Join the call - - for Victory!
- 20—Come on, let's go! To beat the foe, —at Sprague's.
- 21—The Axis fear their doom near -- Sealed in Sprague condensers.
- 22—Sprague's production flowing fast -- Assures our enemies THEY cannot last.
- 23—Sprague's best meets every test.
- 24—When for production they ask, At Sprague's do your task.
- 25—Sprague condensers in our planes, Give the enemy many pains!
- 26—Sprague will do more To shorten this war.
- 27—Sprague jobs well done, help beat the Jap and Hun!
- 28—Sprague's at Home -- Sprague's at the Front. On to Victory.
- 29—Sprague's materials in our ships, Gives our enemies USELESS trips!
- 30—Sprague products by the score -- Will bring Victory in 1944.
- 31—Sprague products forward and onward -- Hitler's regime -- backward and onward.

- 32—With Sprague's in the lead -- How can the enemy succeed?
- 33—We're sure to win If all pitch in -- at Sprague's.
- 34—Let Sprague Production Roll -- On to Victory is our goal.
- 35—Sprague workers are teamed To keep Victory on the beam.
- 36—Hitler's Europe shakes with ague. Reason? Products made by Sprague.
- 37—Sprague's won the precious "E", Production must our password be.
- 38—Condense the Axis with Sprague condensers.
- 39—Sprague products are rolling on to Victory.
- 40—Our boys will win overseas, if Sprague workers keep busy as bees.
- 41—Sprague employees on the beam, Will help destroy Hitler's regime.
- 42—Sprague's employees working faster! Will help end this world disaster.
- 43—Sprague workers give your best -- Cleaning up this terrible mess.
- 44—Sprague's on the double Will cause Hitler trouble.
- 45—Win we must; in work we trust, At Sprague's.
- 46—We can't win with rejects, Sprague wants Victory Products.
- 47—Sprague P roduction R ealizes A G reat U nited E ffort.
- 48—As production at Sprague's increases; Chances of Nazi victory ceases.
- 49—Sprague is square, so do your share.
- 50—North Adams is proud Of the Sprague crowd.
- 51—Our aim -- to win working together -- at Sprague's for Victory.
- 52—Accidents, roll out destruction -- Safety, rolls out Production -- "Spragues."
- 53—The Sprague way -- Production today -- Victory tomorrow.
- 54—Sprague's products -- on time Help to smash the Axis line.
- 55—Sprague's devices in our planes Give the Axis many pains.
- 56—Sprague's in the war -- Let's give our boys MORE.
- 57—Minutes, Labor, Speed. To win is the creed at Sprague's.
- 58—Sprague's goin' full blast! How can our enemies last?
- 59—Let's keep Sprague's wheels turning, Toward the Victory we're yearning.
- 60—More Sprague production -- Aids the Axis reduction!
- 61—Sprague's employees, Sprague's products; Marching along to Victory.
- 62—Sprague's "Specialty" should be -- Supreme effort for victory!
- 63—With Sprague condensers in '44, We'll settle our score.

- 64—With Sprague's on the hum, We'll mop up the scum!
- 65—We've got 'em on the run -- We've only begun.—Sprague's.
- 66—Hitler and Tojo won't keep their date; Sprague's sealed their fate.
- 67—Sprague's behind each one Who carries a gun.
- 68—Sprague's first rate Production Means fast rate Axis destruction.
- 69—Sprague's sensations Help Allied Nations.
- 70—Keep 'Old Glory' in the sky, With Sprague's production high.
- 71—Sprague's American ends with I can!
- 72—Victory for the Allies With Sprague's Supplies.
- 73—Sprague Products out to win -- Watch out! Tokyo and Berlin!
- 74—Sprague's workers on the job Will mop up Hitler's mob.
- 75—Sprague condensers are the best -- At Tokyo they stood the test.
- 76—Keep 'Sprague' home fires burning, While production wheels keep turning.
- 77—In doing better every day MORE winning Sprague's O.K.
- 78—Sprague can't spell Victory With an absentee.
- 79—Lots of fun, let's get it done 'The Sprague Way'.
- 80—Sprague is in front, at the front, and at home.
- 81—Let's keep 'em flying on Sprague's Battlefield of production.
- 82—The Sprague Way is the The Army-Navy 'E' Way.
- 83—Proud production soldiers we are; Sprague has won an 'E' Star.
- 84—I'm doing my best at a Factory called Sprague's.
- 85—Less "Ease" -- More "E's" -- at Sprague's.
- 86—Sprague's can earn another star -- Keeping Production up to par.
- 87—Wear the "E" with pride, Sprague production can turn the tide.
- 88—Fighting Fronts -- near and far Need Sprague's radio and radar.
- 89—Avoid accidents every day, Make production the American way—"Sprague"
- 90—Those that work at Sprague's, Are working the Victory Way.
- 91—To work, to is "win" Stands for Sprague's "E" pin.
- 92—While our boys give their best -- Can Sprague's do less?
- 93—Sprague's production line produces the firing line for Uncle Sam!
- 94—Sprague Products, Bonds and Stamps. Give the enemy many cramps.

- 95—With Sprague's on the loose, Japs will call a truce.
- 96—Sprague Production Redoubles America's Gigantic United Efforts in War Industry!
- 97—Sprague is in it; Now! we'll Win it!
- 98—As in bowling, Keep them Rolling at Sprague's.
- 99—Solving problems right away, Gives united Sprague effort.
- 100—Our boys will be back, With Sprague's backing the attack.
- 101—Sprague's is the place That sets the pace -- for Victory!
- 102—Sprague's make 'em, Yanks take 'em -- to win!
- 103—At Sprague's, your work Helps defense -- don't shirk.
- 104—Sprague's new star, we adore -- Keep working, and get MORE!
- 105—"E" for Sprague means "V" for Victory.
- 106—ASHORE -- ALOFT -- ASEA -- Sprague's lead the fight to Victory.
- 107—"E" flag flying high -- Sprague production is the reason why.
- 108—"E" beside Old Glory Sprague production tells the story.
- 109—Sprague's production is the one Backing boys behind the gun.
- 110—We won't give in We're out to win -- at Sprague's.
- 111—Keep Sprague's rejects down, Help the Allies go to town."
- 112—A Sprague Gold "E" We'd "RADAR" See.
- 113—Sprague products stand the test -- War bonds do the rest.
- 114—Sprague P roduction R epresents A G reat U nited E ffort.
- 115—Your job at Sprague's is as serious as the Soldier's!
- 116—Hard work won the "E" Let us at Sprague's try constantly.
- 117—Service—P erseverance—R eward? A rmy—G ave—U s—"E"
- 118—Sprague Workers work with "E's".
- 119—Sprague on the job Backing every Marine, Soldier;and Gob!
- 120—Sprague-er -- Keep Plugging! He'll keep slugging.
- 121—On the ball, giving our all -- That's Sprague's.
- 122—Sprague Products -- all grade ONE. Will SET the Rising Sun.
- 123—Save the fighting crew By the amount you do.
- 124—Sprague's aim for Victory Is helped by you and me.
- 125—Seven Sprague days humming Keep the Japs arunning.

INSTRUCTIONS ON VOTING

Decide which five slogans you like the best. List the number of each, in the order of your choice in the squares in the BALLOT at the right.

Clip out the BALLOT, properly signed, with your badge number and date. Leave with the guards at the entrances. If you put your ballot in an envelope be sure to mark it for: THE LOG EDITOR.

Impartial judges will count the ballots on February 8 and announce winners of the first 15 places. Cash prizes will be awarded as follows: \$15, \$10, \$5, \$4, and \$3, and ten prizes of \$2 each -- 15 in all. So get busy -- make it a real contest!

The 15 slogans as selected by the ballots of Sprague Workers after slight editing, will be made up into extra large sign boards and erected in the different departments throughout the Plant. Fill out the new ballot and give it to the guard at your entrance today. The contestants will thank you, the winners thank you. And the LOG thanks you -- NOW.

SPRAGUE SLOGAN BALLOT

My choices for the five best slogans are entered in the Boxes A, B, C, D, and E at the right. In A, I have put the number of the slogan which is my choice for first place; in B my choice for second place, and so on.

NAME _____

Date _____ Your Identification Number (Badge) _____

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BUY MORE BONDS



SAVE MORE LIVES

A
B
C
D
E

SPRAGUE SLOGAN BALLOT

My choice for the five best slogans are entered in the boxes A, B, C, D, and E at the right. In the number of the slogan which is my choice, I have placed in B my choice for second place, and so on.

Date _____

Your Identification Number (Please Print) _____



INSTRUCTIONS ON VOTING

Decide which five slogans, within the list, fascinate you most. In the box of your choice in the space to the right of each slogan, enter the number of your choice. For example, if you choose slogan A as your first choice, enter the number 1 in the box to the right of A. If you choose slogan B as your second choice, enter the number 2 in the box to the right of B. If you choose slogan C as your third choice, enter the number 3 in the box to the right of C. If you choose slogan D as your fourth choice, enter the number 4 in the box to the right of D. If you choose slogan E as your fifth choice, enter the number 5 in the box to the right of E. If you have no choice, enter the number 0 in the box to the right of the slogan.

Important! Do not enter the number of your choice in the box to the right of the slogan. Enter the number of your choice in the box to the right of the slogan. The number of your choice must be entered in the box to the right of the slogan. If you do not enter the number of your choice, your ballot will not be counted.

MARSHALL STREET "Memos"

by Ruth Haskins

A letter to a man in service "over-seas" reads:

Dear Ralph,
Just received your air-mail, and glad to hear you are well. I know you must be very busy these days. We at Sprague's are very busy, too, working every day helping to make the things you men need so vitally "over there". There are hundreds of us "Service wives" at Sprague's, giving our jobs the best we have, just as we gave Uncle Sam our husbands, with victory our goal.

An honor roll of attendance is posted in each department and you'd be surprised how closely each girl watches her record. On this chart, we receive a blue square if we are present; red, if absent; and blue, red, if late. A great deal of pride is taken in a row of solid blue.

I was pleased to hear you received free cigarettes on the boat going over. Every day, we contribute to the Sprague Cigarette Fund, and by Dec. 17th, we had sent 1,400,000 cigarettes to 54 countries. Like all good "Sprague-ites", we buy bonds through our Credit Union. Bonds and more bonds! And we are going to keep them too! So you see, dear, we at home are doing what we can to speed Victory. God grant it will be soon!

With love, your wife,
Ruth.

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Fifteen girls from the Gas Mask Dept. enjoyed a sleigh ride recently. But Jean Guertin must have understood "horse back ride", because we hear she was on the horse's back most of the time!

Correction: When we welcomed Amelia Channell back to the department, we stated in good faith that Amelia's husband was in the Merchant Marines. Was this reporter's face red to be informed by the gentleman himself, home on leave, that he is a member of the United States Coast Guard — so sorry!

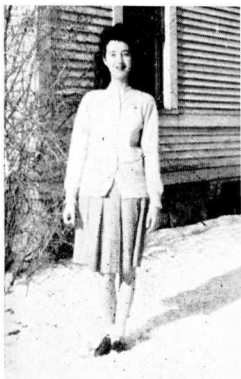
Did you know that Florence Nilles is the luckiest person we ever did see. She has won everything she had a chance on for the past few months!

BUY BONDS - SAVE LIVES

We are glad to welcome Mildred Mausert back to work.

A little advice for the boys by Grace Kittredge:

Bonds are sorer bets than any blondes... Invest in Bonds instead of blondes... Bonds work while you sleep... Blondes sleep while you work... Bonds will be waiting for you... Will the blondes?



Florence Duxbury, Inspector at Marshall Street.

That Sledding Party

The girls of the Gas Mask have parties of sorts.

The one the other night indulged in sports.

It was sliding down hills — that's the Gas girls' game.

They started down one that wasn't so tame —

The sled gathered speed and bumped over the lot.

The place where they landed was a tough spot.

Now the girls with weight

Don't mind the bumps — that's fine!

But to those that were thin

The bumps were not kind!

Now, about aches and pains, the little girls moan

But it's where they landed, the larger ones groan.

Boy friends and husbands could not attend

Because there were not enough pants they could lend.

So girls, take a warning from the boys' advice

And don't go sliding on any thin ice!

John "Red" Garner

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Canister Party

The girls of the Canister Line enjoyed a sledding party recently. After the sledding, the girls all went to the home of Alice Spofford where a delicious buffet luncheon was served. Singing and dancing were enjoyed, and the party was termed a huge success.

BUY BONDS - SAVE LIVES

Daisy Dabrowski says—that the Final Inspectors have acquired some lovely new friends — Mrs. Betty Coty, Ciel Shea and Marion Quadland — all have proven worthy of holding their titles.

Mollie Ryan buys half a dozen buns for \$.09 and sells two for \$.05 without butter. You don't expect to take a trip with the profits—do you Mollie?

"Uncle" Art LaBombard takes good care of the wire girls and keeps them busy, but as he says to Virginia Delisle, "Be careful of the bog spaven". I wonder what he means?

Wm. Sheldon says—The Canister extends a hearty welcome to Sam Dean. Who on the Canister line is the best sport? She operates a Filter roller and you should have seen her dust last Tuesday night!

William Dube

It was with a deep sense of loss that the Gas Mask Department learned of the recent death of William A. Dube, a North Adams fireman who worked during his off-hours at Marshall Street. "Bill" made a great many friends at Sprague's and his sudden passing was a shock to all.

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Training School

by Rita Siciliano

Mary Daniels received quite a surprise the other day when she visited the new lunch canteen. She was all set for some sweets—but much to her sorrow, there was nothing but cough drops! Never mind, Mary—you won't need to watch your diet!

Glad to welcome Doris Roberts back again!

Correction: Mrs. Faxon Bowen is clerk for Larry Madison, but not at Training Center.

Wm. Sheldon wants to know who is the best sport of the Department?

BROWN STREET "BRIEFS"

It's thrills, when the boy friends get home on furlough. Ann Falco was pleasantly surprised when her boy friend came home from the Aleutians. Now she is wearing a sparkler on her left hand. And when Margaret Scarbo's boy friend came home, she became Mrs. John Fisk. Good luck, Peg!

"Al" Gibeau, supervisor of final inspection, came upstairs to find a birthday present from his department. They presented him with something that has been on order—a handsome desk! But Al was disappointed—the desk was just a miniature with his name on it. However, he liked the birthday cake. That was an honest-to-goodness one, made by Josephine Campedelli.

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Mica Column

by Bushika - Rhodes

Did you hear about the two girls who were stranded in Petersburg, N.Y., last week end. They claim they spent the night in an undertaker's house...

We wish a speedy recovery to Mary Musk... Who is the girl on the Assembly line who does such nice embroidery. I hear she did some dainty work, in pink on a visiting soldier's underthings... Alice Laparriere has returned from Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo... The girl we can't get along without? "Jo in Wonderland"... Where did Yvonne St. Pierre disappear to, with a certain young aviator... Welcome back to Bea Garrison who has been on a leave of absence... Alice O'Malley had a roaring time in the Hoosac Tunnel... Welcome back to Ida Watts... And who is the new sweater girl in the Preliminary test department?... Among the Mica Testers, there is a certain lady known as June, who will be a famous song writer some day... Could it be that Mary Messier is going to sleep her entire vacation away?

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Wire Coating News

by Lee Reese

Congratulations to Pete LePage, our proud new father.

We announce two more members to our "Boners Club"—Julia Shea and Mary Kinsey—too bad, girls.

Eleanor Aspinall is leaving the department to enter the February class for nursing at House of Mercy Hospital, Good Luck, Eleanor.

John Heywood has been accepted in the Merchant Marines. We'll miss your smiling face, Johnnie. The nights will sure drag now!

Bill Jennings left us last week to enter the armed forces. He was presented with a purse by his co-workers on the second shift.

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Sample Department

The girls in the Sample Lab are glad to welcome back Loretta Bezzie, who spent a month's vacation in Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Underwood and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Senecal are spending the week end in Boston and plan to attend the Sportman's Show.

Everyone wonders who will win the final argument on Mica Sample table?

Who took home the butter from the party — and who has any extra points? Who won in the fight over Frank Sinatra — Two of the Sample girls almost came to blows over him.

Silver Mica Dept.

by Dorothy Boutwell

Geraldine Rhodes attended the Ice-Capades in Boston the week of January 8th.

Francis Merrigan formally of Silver Mica, was visiting us recently. He attended Ohio University where he took the A-12 course sponsored by the Army. He has been transferred to Camp Devens to receive basic training, and will continue his studies in the Army Specialized Training Corps.

Dorothy Demastrie was visited by her husband, Pfc. Erminio Demastrie, home on furlough from Sioux Falls, S. D. He has just been transferred to a Radio School in Missouri.

Who was the young man who blushed and fled on New Year's day?

Miss Nancy Sullivan paid her department a visit recently. Nancy is going to Massachusetts State College and has been elected President of the Chi Omega Sorority.

Eleanor Battista, a former co-worker of the Silver Mica's during the summer vacation paid us a visit at Christmas time.

Peggy Mancuso of Payroll Office, Brown, spent the week end in New York City.

Helen Hartman reports her visit to New York was most enjoyable.

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Mica Finishing Dept.

by Betty Bourdon

Oh! Oh! What is this we hear? Ellen Crocker is about to invent a new type of gasoline—or else! Not everyone can get a ride to work in a bread truck after forsaking a gasless buggy on the way. Note: Ellen gets to work on time, too!

We are planning a private "stall" for Doris O'Brien when she parks her car. Parking is such a problem, isn't it Doris?

There are many of us who would like to join the Waves or Wacs, or Marines, but because of various responsibilities, it is not possible. But have we stopped to think that being right here on the job at Sprague's and setting new production records brings home a tremendous wallop to Japs and Nazis—a record for which we can justly be proud. Then, too, girls, the Labor Management Commission is still working out the problem of uniforms. We'll get them yet, girls!

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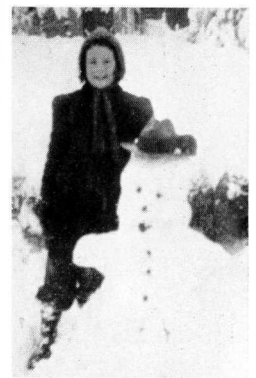
Things Stackers Couldn't Do Without

Laddie Meranti's lunches.
Rachel St. Pierre's giggles.
M. Sacco's daily songs.
B. Williams' cheery greetings every morning.
Kay's daily crabbing.
G. Monette's hearty laughter.
C. Cointois' good sense of humor, and Advice from O. Arnold or Mrs. Anthony.

The Quizz games — between C. Paquette and E. Tower!



BACK THE ATTACK
with WAR BONDS!



Barbara Gonyea, daughter of Jimmy of Dry Rolling and Esther, formerly of Dry Rolling.

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Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kenyon are the parents of a son born January 14, 1944. Mrs. Kenyon is Luella, formerly of Block Annex.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius (Pete) LePage are the parents of a son born January 6, 1944.

A daughter, Donna Ariane, was born January 10, 1944 at North Adams Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Dion. Father is supervisor of Sample makers in the Beaver Machine Shop, and the mother, Diane, was formerly in the Inspection Dept.

A son was born January 2, 1944 to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Moreau.

Francis James, was born Friday, Jan. 7, to Mr. and Mrs. James Francis Mancine.

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Miss Rita Deno of K.V.A. was married on January 4th to Pfc. Raymond H. Murdock of Jacksonville, Vt. The marriage was solemnized at St. Joachim Church, Readsboro.

Miss Margaret Scarbo of Mica department, Brown Street, became the bride of Corp. Robert Fisk on December 31st. Corp. Fisk is stationed at Ft. Bragg, N. C.

Miss Margery Rickards was married January 15th to Mr. Arthur James Dippold, of the Beaver Laboratory. After a reception at the Richmond Hotel, the young couple left on a wedding trip to New York city.

Miss Alva Melchiori became the bride of Pvt. Lawrence G. Wood on Saturday, January 8, at St. Anthony's Church. After the ceremony, a reception was held at the bride's home. Mrs. Wood is employed in the Mica department, and Pvt. Wood is stationed at Drew Field, Tampa, Fla.

BeaverStreet Bits

Beaver Street Payroll Office

Mary Boisvert of Payroll spent last week end in Springfield. She visited with her former co-workers there.

Crash — Bang — Hammer — Creak — Ring — Pound — Pound!

It's so peaceful here in Payroll — here you never hear a sound!

Millie Waterhouse's husband is Sergeant, not private Waterhouse!

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Main Office

by Helene Meacham

Hello everyone! Here we are back on the beam and have we things to say! As if we ever didn't!! First of all, we attended a party January 5th at the Blue Room in the Richmond Hotel for Phyllis Davis (Purchasing) who had been accepted in the Waves. Jane Gordon, don't be selfish with your dates — there's a shortage of such things. Don't you know the old saying "Share and share alike?" Tut, tut. The non-presence of Blanche Fallon is caused by the long-awaited furlough of her husband, Pvt. 1st Class Leo Fallon. Oh, oh, they're here again!! THE AUDITORS, Mr. King and Mr. Gibson. Sgt. Ralph Uberti of Camp Rucker, Alabama, spent a ten-day furlough with his sisters, Clara and Vera. Dorothy Rosse is doing her bit by working after school in the Billing Dept. Catherine Oldham has a daughter for the 1960 debutante crop and Ted (maintenance) and Elaine Stone have an escort for her, Catherine. Ah, who knows where this little thought may lead?

Claire Murray experienced painful but not serious strained ligaments of the left leg while in her own back yard!! What if you HAD gone down the Thunderbolt, Claire?

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Plating and Can Shop

Former employees of the Plating Dept. who recently made visits to the Department were Joseph Rossi, U. S. Army; Daniel Alcombright of McDill Field, Florida; and Jack Faustini of Ft. Dix, N. J.

Mrs. Dion of the Can Shop is a grandmother to a young lady by the name of Donna.

Who is wearing whose watch in the Can Shop these days? The two jitterbugs of the Plating Department are practising for what! A gold cup?... Did you see the flash coming from the Plating Department? It must be Jane's diamond... Happy birthday, Russ, Buddy and Ted—many more of them.

One of the mysteries of the Can Shop is what "Yardbird" is doing with all his spare time.

Jim is doing the Honor Roll justice these days—in and on time.

Betty enjoyed her vacation when her husband, Pfc. Bernard Horrigan of the Marine Corps was home on furlough. And Lucy continues to keep up the spirit of both Departments—are you asking how??? The liver dinner was enjoyed, "Sulle" but the fellows are still waiting for the 70 lb. ham! They're from Missouri, you know!

BUY BONDS - SAVE LIVES

Impregnating News

by Angie Langer

We are wondering who Paul keeps crooning to all day... Is it the brunette across the way, or is he just trying to give Frank Sinatra a little competition. And Norma, he is a sweet boy.

Eddie has his troubles. Since the new arrival came home from the hospital, Eddie just can't make bus connections.

Clara Norman will be saying "I do" before long to Arthur LeBeau of Adams.

The big mystery in the Impregnating Department is "Which came first, the chicken or the egg?" You go ahead and explain it, Velma.

Word from Eddie Colbert, Seaman 2-c informs us he is at N.T.S. Texas, studying Electrical Engineering. Here is luck to you, Eddie.

Nettie Angeli, her mother and her daughter spent a week end in New York taking in the opera.

Eva Green's son, pfc. Raymond A. Green, home on furlough, has been promoted to a Crew Chief. She also has another son, Francis, stationed in Oklahoma.

Peter Begiebing, our check inspector is keeping up his strength these days by doing little odd jobs in spare moments such as balancing boxes on his head for Millie.

Scene in the lunch room, waiting for a frankfur sandwich. And after waiting and waiting, the counterwoman glances at the stove, then at me. Says he: "Would you like me to take that off for you?" "Please do," I reply, "because right now it begins to look like the letter V for Victory, rather than a frankfur." Can it be that that patriotic feeling has gone as far as frankfurts?

Western Electric

by Bernice Owczarski

Mrs. Anita Wojnicki has gone to Alabama to visit her husband Pvt. Edward Wojnicki stationed at an air base at Montgomery.

Best wishes to Mrs. Edna Laliberte, better known as Bunny.

Everyone but Red Walczak knows that beans swell. At a Holiday party, she cooked enough beans to feed all the Seabees at Camp Perry, Va. You learn something every day, don't you Red? And seeing that the Seabees have their share of beans, Red just fed the entire neighborhood.

Mrs. Mildred Reynolds enjoyed a two weeks' vacation recently when her husband came home on furlough. He is stationed at Camp Campbell, Ky.

Mrs. Rose Gravel and her husband journeyed to New York and Washington, visiting their son Paul, who is stationed at Ft. Meade, Md.

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Mack, the pet parrot of Marion Wabnig of Dry Rolling Department.

Machine Shop News

Girls—Have you noticed the New Hair-do the boys are wearing recently?

How many employees had their New Year's resolutions retreaded or re-capped?

Daniel T. Baker, Seaman 2-c writes from San Diego, Calif.: "Hi Boys, how are all of you? I am doing fine. I received your gift and was very glad to have it. Say—what is the trouble—did they pick up all the pens in North Adams?"

A few of the Machine Shop lads spent a hilarious New Year's Eve at Turn Hall (with their wives, of course). Fine time, eh fellows?

Extend Helping Hand

The boys from the Machine Shop went over to Koloc's Berkshire Engraving Company on January 13th to help salvage some of the machines and tools which Henry used in his engraving business. His shop was gutted by fire on January 11th. The boys extend their sympathy, and are sorry to know of this mishap. They understand fully, how scarce, and how valuable tools are today.

Some of the boys from this Department would like to know who "Saucy Sue" is!

Glad to see John Walsh back again!

We have an applicant for the Fibber Club—Ray Magnoli. He says he uses a 100 lb. bag of potatoes each week. No wonder there was a shortage!

Dry Test

by Vi Short

Mrs. Yvonne Ducharme of Dry Test is doing her share towards the war effort. She devotes her week ends at the North Adams Hospital as a nurse's aide.

Ann Burgess and Donald Lavigne displayed their talents just before Christmas by doing a Polish hop. You are OK, folks!

Rod MacAlpine is no longer considered an amateur at skiing, after his episode at Pico Peak.

Doris Rondeau has returned to work. Nice seeing you, Doris!

John Egan recently made his debut on the Sprague Radio Log. Congratulations!

Bernard Lepera, now stationed in the army, was a recent visitor here.

Congratulations to "Peggy" on her new bouncing boy.

Eunice Rice recently spent a week-end in Albany.

Was it Dick who took advantage of that "blackout" the other morning?

Sample Lab. News

Miss Celia Szufnarowski spent the week end visiting friends at Springfield.

Mrs. Dorothy Martin left January 13 to visit her husband, Seaman James Martin stationed in Oklahoma City, Okla.

We are very glad to have "Al" Peters working with us.

Pvt. "Harry" Coates, formerly of the Sample Lab. is now stationed in the Hawaiian Islands. Before being transferred, he was at Camp Wheeler, Ga.

Networks

by Lucy De Fazio

The Department has received news from Charles Thompson at Ft. Devens. He does not know where he will be sent, but the Department wishes you luck wherever you are!

Is that Betty Fressola singing "I Love You Truly" again? Happy as a Lark! Isn't love grand!

Quick recovery, June Cole. We miss your charming smile!

Welcome back to June Barnhart. My! but your voice has changed!



LUCKY HUNTERS FROM THE BROWN STREET PLANT

Left to right: Tommy Paquin, Tommy DeMarco, both of Mica Moldings; Lawrence Folino of Filter Department and Doc Estes of Maintenance.

Dry Rolling

by Mamie Farinon

Doris Contois just returned from New York where she spent some time with her husband stationed there.

Birthday greetings to Laurette Benoit for January 13th.

Arthur Molleur felt so badly that he was not mentioned in last month's Log, that I am putting his name in this month on general principles!

Bill Lamberti is thrilled and happy over the snow,—now he can catch up on some of his skiing.

What is causing that sparkle in Gladys Costello's eyes?

Edith Russell went home the other night to find that all she had left in her fish bowl was the water! Page her cat!

What is the big attraction Rita DiSanti finds in Springfield? She is spending many of her week ends there.

Looking through the *Daily Record*, of January 14, Dot Rice found a picture of her son, marching with other Marines stationed on Bougainville.

Slow down, Mary Cozzaglio, so you won't put your sweater on backward of a morning!

Try asking Rita Girardi what was her experience early New Year's Day. She is still wearing a "Red Face".



Miss Theresa Desnoyers of Dry Rolling announces her engagement to Wilfred Gelinis also of Dry Rolling Department. No date has been set for the wedding.

The engagement of Miss Cecile Contois, Supervisor of Mica Stacking to Mr. George Bombardier of Shipping department has been announced.

Miss Ann Falco of Mica announces her engagement to Peter Grillone, Seaman 1-c. She has set no date as yet for the wedding.

Miss Effie Bishop of Production Control announces her engagement to Adolph G. Decoteau, Petty Officer 1-c of U.S.C.G.R.

The engagement of Miss Helen Corey to Pfc. William S. Daniels is announced. No date has been set for the wedding. Helen is working in the Sprague Products Co. office and William is located at Ft. Benning, Ga.

Ruth Bissailon of the Employment Office announces her engagement to Seaman Ronald Blue.

Reporters! - Deadline for Log news, next issue will be February 3rd.

Sleigh Riders

Girls from the Production and Material Control, Sample and Cost Departments took advantage of the perfect winter weather when they went on a sleigh ride to the Whitney Farm in Stamford. Much fun was the program for the evening, with games, group singing and refreshments. And—be it noted, that a good time was had by all, despite the man shortage!

Welcome to the Production Control Department, Betty Hubbard!

Welcome back to the Beaver Street Plant—Rod MacAlpine, Mary Mathews and Lois Paradise. We hope you enjoy being back as much as we enjoy having you — "The Gang"

Bathtub Assembly News

by Thelma Boulerville

Lea Johnson has returned to the department after spending a week in Philadelphia where her husband, Dick is stationed. Dick, formerly of Boxing is now a Fireman 3-c aboard a destroyer escort.

What is this new romance in B.T.A.? Be careful Red — it's Leap Year! And the lights will stay on, too.

Madeline Ovitt has returned from a visit to her home in Vermont.

Radio Engr. Peter Milesi, 2-c on furlough for the Christmas Holidays, was in North Adams with Evelyn, his wife.

Lucy Libardi had a week end guest from Delaware. Is it wedding bells, Lucy?

You should hear Stacia Wisniewski talk about that new baby nephew of hers!

Thelma Boulerville spent a week at Camp Belvoir, Va. visiting her husband who is in the hospital there.

If you want a good argument on war, ration points, or income taxes, you will find your match in the B.T.A. How about it, Fran—can you accept the challenge?

How come so many of the B.T.A. girls are taking up swimming. It must be that they do not intend to walk back from any boat rides, or else they have serious intentions of joining the Waves. What is your opinion, Ida and Lucy?

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